

**Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota
In Regular Session Commencing Tuesday, January 3, 2017**

SENATE BILL NO. 2118
(Human Services Committee)
(At the request of the Department of Human Services)

AN ACT to amend and reenact sections 50-06-21 and 50-06-22 and subsection 4 of section 53-12.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to gambling disorder prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF NORTH DAKOTA:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06-21 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-06-21. ~~Compulsive gambling~~Gambling disorder prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, and treatment services.

The department of human services shall contract with qualified treatment service providers for the development and implementation of a program for gambling prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services. The program may provide outpatient services, partial care services, aftercare services, intervention services, financial counseling services, consultation services, or other forms of preventive, rehabilitative, or treatment services for ~~compulsive gamblers~~individuals with a gambling disorder. An individual who provides treatment services must be a mental health professional as defined in section 25-03.1-02 and meet the minimum standards for certification as a gambling counselor as established by rule by that mental health professional's licensing boardlicensed professional operating within the individual's scope of practice. An individual who provides financial counseling services must be a certified consumer credit counselor with an accredited financial counseling agency. The department of human services may establish a sliding payment scale for services under the program. The department of human services may establish a centrally located repository of educational materials on identifying and treating ~~compulsive gambling disorders~~. Any service fee collected by qualified treatment service providers for services provided under the contract must be applied toward the program's ~~compulsive gambling disorder~~ services. The term "qualified treatment service provider" means an entity based in North Dakota which is experienced in and capable of delivering ~~compulsive gambling disorder~~ education, prevention, awareness, crisis intervention, rehabilitation, financial counseling, and mental health treatment services as defined by the department of human services. The term "~~compulsive gambler~~" means an individual who is chronically and progressively preoccupied with gambling and the urge to gamble and with "gambling disorder" means a chronic, progressive disease that is characterized by a preoccupation with gambling, loss of control over gambling behaviors, and oftentimes disregard for the negative consequences as a result of gambling. Gambling disorder includes gambling behavior that compromises, disrupts, or damages personal, family, or vocational pursuits.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 50-06-22 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

50-06-22. ~~Compulsive gambling~~Gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund - Continuing appropriation.

Funds deposited in the ~~compulsive gambling disorder~~ prevention and treatment fund under section 53-12.1-09 are appropriated to the department on a continuing basis for the purpose of providing the services under section 50-06-21.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT. Subsection 4 of section 53-12.1-09 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

4. Transfer of net proceeds:
 - a. Eighty thousand dollars must be transferred to the state treasurer each quarter for deposit in the ~~compulsive~~ gambling disorder prevention and treatment fund;
 - b. An amount for the lottery's share of a game's prize reserve pool must be transferred to the multistate lottery association;
 - c. Starting July 1, 2007, one hundred five thousand six hundred twenty-five dollars must be transferred to the state treasurer each quarter for deposit in the attorney general multijurisdictional drug task force grant fund; and
 - d. The balance of the net proceeds, less holdback of any reserve funds the director may need for continuing operations, must be transferred to the state treasurer on at least an annual basis for deposit in the state general fund.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House

This certifies that the within bill originated in the Senate of the Sixty-fifth Legislative Assembly of North Dakota and is known on the records of that body as Senate Bill No. 2118.

Senate Vote: Yeas 45 Nays 0 Absent 2

House Vote: Yeas 74 Nays 15 Absent 5

Secretary of the Senate

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Approved at _____ M. on _____, 2017.

Governor

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Secretary of State